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SUBJECT: APRA RESPONSE TO PROPOSED CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

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1. THE EXECUTIVE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE APRA PARTY ISSUED AUGUST
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ITS LONG AWAITED RESPONE TO PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ'S JULY 28
ADDRESS TO THE NATION. IN THAT ADDRESS (REF A) MORALES BERMUDEZ
PROPOSED THE CONVENING OF A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IN 1978 TO WRITE A
NEW CONSTITUTION. SINCE THE SPEECH, THE GOP HAS HINTED THAT THE
DELEGATES TO THE ASSEMBLY WOULD IN PART BE SELECTED BY POPULAR VOTE
AND IN PART FROM "POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS" SUCH AS THE GOVERNMENT
DIRECTED NATIONAL AGRARIAN CONFEDERATION.

2. THE APRA DECLARATION TAKES STRONG EXCEPTION TO THE POSSIBILITY
THAT THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY NOT CONSISIT ENTIRELY OF POPULARLY
ELECTED DELEGATES. IT NOTES THAT THE PRESENT MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS
JUST SIGNED HUMAN RIGHTS AGREEMENTS SUCH AS THE AMERICAN CONVENTION O
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HUMAN RIGHTS THAT SPECIFY AMONG THEIR ARTICLES THE RIGHT TO
A POPULAR VOTE THAT IS "UNIVERSAL AND EQUAL". ACCORDINGLY,
APARA CLAIMS THAT A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SELECTED BY AN OTHER PRINCIPLE
THAN THE "UNIVERSAL AND EQUAL" VOTES OF THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE WOULD
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BE A VIOLATION OF THE VERY AGREEMENTS SO RECENTLY ASCRIBED TO BY
THE GOP.

3. COMMENT: WHILE TAKING EXCEPTION TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE
"POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS" THE PROPOSED ASSEMBLY, HE TONE OF THE
APRA DECLARATION IS, IN GENERAL, A CONCILIATORY RESPONSE TO
PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ'S SPEECH. IT APPROVES, FOR INSTANCE, THE

WRITING OF A NEW CONSTITUTION WHICH WILL INCORPORATE THE "STRUCTUAL REFORMS" INSTITUTED BY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. APRA IS CLEARLY GEARING UP FOR THE COMING ELECTORAL BATTLES (REF B), WHICH IT HOPES WILL PROPEL IT INTO POWER. IT APPARENTLY STILL FEARS, HOWEVER, THAT THE MILITARY MIGHT TRY TO RETAIN ITS INFLUENCE OVER THE POLITICAL PROCESS BY ARRANGING A SOLID BLCOK GO GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED DELEGATES IN THE CONSITUENT ASSEMBLY.

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